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



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### GENERAL MEETING

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BBQ from 6:30pm

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### TRACK CLEARING

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

25 - 27

### CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

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### ANGLESEA DAY TRIP

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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

BBQ from 6:30pm

## JANUARY

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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### AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

### HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS** are held at the clubrooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome. During daylight savings a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

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If you have any trip reports (past or present) please send them through to the Editor for inclusion in the magazine.

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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

We had a fantastic turnout at our awards night / pub dinner with close to 50 people attending. It was a great social night which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all of the award recipients. It looks like this is a successful format we should repeat next year.

Thanks to Adam and Veronica Mountjoy for leading their first trip to Wombat State Forest and surrounds. Good thing it was an easy tour in the country because yours truly still had to winch; just as well it wasn't difficult!

Don't forget the Christmas Party is at the Otways Tourist Park in Gellibrand on the weekend of 25th - 27th November. There will be a BBQ, Santa and presents for the kids and a tourist drive of the local sights. This is another opportunity to get together and socialise. Let's make it another good one!

See you on the tracks,  
Geoff

Geoff



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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 12th October 2022
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.30 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	Samantha Burkinshaw, Grace, Joel
Present	Dirk Agenbag, Levi Brocks, Werner Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Geoff Davey, Lachlan Hill, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Tim Neville, Andrew Smith Tyler Smith, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Norm Spitty, Jack Stratford, Sharon Van Ingen
Apologies	Keith Murdoch, Warren and Shez Tedford, Mark Mensch, Dale Roberson, Kelvin Rogers, Alison Fleming, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Byron Willey, Barrie Kinnersly, Geoff Van Ingen, Matthew Mountjoy, Jimmy Halikias

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Dirk Agenbag
Seconded	Daniel Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>50 Year Anniversary</b>  Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2023 @ Geelong Yacht Club  Geoff and Graeme are confirming details with the venue Friday 14th October. Memorabilia will be available and will run through 2023. Available items will be Leather stubbie holders, insulated cups, hat pins, belt buckles and commemorative clothing.  Danny is currently working on website for ticket purchases.  Flyers will be emailed and members are encouraged to promote via word of mouth.  Ticket full price will be \$50.00. Club will subsidise. The cost to members is \$20.00 for early bird purchases  \$30.00 for purchases made after early bird date. </li> <li> <b>Christmas Party</b>  26th -27th November 2022. Otways Tourist Park.  Tim has secured some cabins and sites on hold. Members are encouraged to book asap. Santa will pay a visit and there will be a club BBQ. Those with children under 15 can email children's names, age and gender to Juanita or Sharon to ensure your child gets a gift. </li> <li> <b>Awards Night &amp; Pub Dinner</b>  Pub Night. 22nd October 2022. Daniel has set up a Facebook invitation. Members can RSVP there to secure a spot. </li> <li> <b>Moonambel</b>  We expect a big turnout for Moonambel this year. A number of extra Clubs have been invited and most have indicated a keenness to participate. There will also be 50th anniversary clothing to mark the event. We hope to have a sample of the artwork soon. </li> </ol>

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### Correspondence

In	a) FWDV September eNews b) Cleaning Invoice c) Liquor Control Victoria d) FWDV Presidents Day Minutes e) Mid City Gift and Trophies Invoice f) COGG Rates Notice g) FWDV Member Stickers
Out	a) Driveline Magazine

### Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Ken Mellross
Seconded:	Tim Neville

### Regular Reports

Association Rep	Meeting with Parks Victoria, Thursday 13th October, 2022.
Regional Rep	4WDV Regional Reps Meeting on 22nd October, 2022. We will not have a representative in attendance due to Track clearing and Awards Night.
Trip Co-Ordinator	<b>Trips Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Simpson Desert Trip</b> - 15th - 29th September 2022. Mountjoys lead.</li> </ul> <b>Upcoming Trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bacchus Marsh to Ballan Day Trip</b> - 16th October. Adam Mountjoy organising.</li> <li><b>Track Clearing</b> - 22nd October – Danny Sparks-Cousins organising .</li> <li><b>Club Awards Night / Pub Night</b> - 22nd October 2022</li> <li><b>Melbourne Cup Weekend. High Country</b> - Friday 28th October -Tuesday 1st November. Geoff Davey.</li> <li><b>Christmas Party</b> - 26th -27th November 2022. Gellibrand Caravan Park.</li> <li><b>Anglesea Day Trip</b> - 10th December 2022. Andrew &amp; Tyler Smith organising.</li> <li><b>Australia Day Weekend</b> - Mount Pinnibar. Geoff Davey organising.</li> <li><b>Beachport Trip</b> - Easter. Trip Leaders Mountjoys</li> <li><b>Border Track</b> - Post Easter</li> <li><b>Save The Date. 50-year Anniversary</b> - Saturday 6th May, 2023</li> </ul>
Editor	Danny is currently updating photos.
Webmaster	Nil to report
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dadswell Town Social Weekend.</b> Geoff Van Ingen planning (2023)</li> <li><b>Trots Night.</b> Later in the year</li> </ul>
Fines	Ken Mellross x 1, Kelvin Rogers x 4, Geoff Van Ingen x 2, Rob Gunn x 2, Andrew Smith x 3, Mark Mensch x 1, Juanita Mountjoy x 1
Pist 'n' Broke	Andrew Smith
Members Draw	Andrew Smith

### New Business

Other Business	Special thanks to John Goodall and Dale Robertson for providing the meat for the BBQ tonight
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Meeting closed at	8.22 pm
Next General Meeting	9th November 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

# AGENDA

### Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 9th November 2022

	Awards Night Review
	Christmas Party
	Club 50th Anniversary
	Moonambel Update



# PIST'N BROKE

## OCTOBER 2022



# ANDREW SMITH





## TRACK CLEARING

**Date:** Saturday 19th November

**Trip Leader:** Danny Sparks-Cousins | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy / Medium

**Departing:** TBA

**Note:** This is a great chance to help open some seasonally closed tracks plus drive some Management Vehicles Only (MVO) tracks. We will need a couple of ticketed chainsaw operators, and a few helpers to clear logs. If you're available to help please get in touch with Danny - email, messenger or on 0426 256 030



## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Date:** Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

The club will be holding its annual Christmas Party at the Gellibrand Caravan Park - Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November. Come for the whole weekend, the day or even just the night.

Day trip(s) on Saturday, BBQ on Saturday night - meat supplied, bring a salad or sweet to share. Santa will be making a visit - please let Shaz or Juanita know number of children 15 and under. Contact Otways Tourist Park (Gellibrand) to book accommodation - 03 5235 8357.



## ANGLESEA DAY TRIP

**Date:** Saturday 10th December

**Trip Leader:** Andrew & Tyler Smith | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy with a touch of medium depending on track conditions.

**Meeting Place:** Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie, 1200 Great Ocean Rd, Bellbrae.

**Time:** 9.30am for a 10am departure. There is time to purchase chocolates and goodies before leaving.

**Requirements:** Basic recovery gear with recovery points front and rear.

**Note:** We plan to drive through Anglesea and stop for a shared BBQ lunch. BYO meat. Andrew will supply the rest. After lunch, return to Anglesea before 4pm.

Contact Andrew on 0418 503 043 for information and RSVP.



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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND MT PINNIBAR & DAVIES PLAIN

**Date:** Australia Day Weekend Wednesday 25th - Sunday 29th January 2023

**Trip Leader:** Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Departing:** 9.00am at BP Melbourne Rd, Little River

**Requirements:** UHF radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all terrains or better. Snorkel required as we may cross the Murray River. Winch preferred. Extra Fuel will be required – last fill at Swifts Creek, then no fuel until the last day. If required, Thredbo village is only 23km from Tom Groggin however. Bring a sense of humour and swimmers.

**Note:** This will be a 5 day trip leaving the Wednesday before Australia Day. We will stay at the Ensay Recreation Reserve on the first night so it is possible to travel up on Wednesday evening.

Outline: Ensay night 1. Night 2, Poplars Camp via Garron Point track and Limestone Creek Track. Night 3, Tom Groggin via Davies Plains Track and across the Murray. Night 4 Gibson's Hut via Mt Pinnibar. As always this is subject to change depending on conditions and events.

For more information contact Geoff on 0499 905 975.



## EASTER @ BEACHPORT

**Date:** Easter 2023

**Trip Leader:** Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Note:** Meeting at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park on Thursday. We will be running day trips out from the park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trips will include Robe, Carpenters Rocks and a drive around the Kingston area. This trip is rated medium due to the unpredictability of the tides.



## CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Date:** Saturday 6th May 2023

**Royal Geelong Yacht Club**

We would like to see as many members and former members as possible for this auspicious occasion so mark it down in your calendars now so you don't miss out!

Doors open from 5:30pm, food from 7:00 til 9:00. Tickets on sale soon



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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## BORDER TRACK

**Date:** Post Easter 2023

**Trip Leader:** Graeme Jeffrey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Note:** This trip will be held after Easter. More info in the coming months.



## TASSIE TOUR 2023

**Date:** 17th September – 12th October 2023

**Trip Leader:** Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy

**Tail End Charlie:** Kelvin & Beth Rogers

**Trip Classification:** Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 8

**Departing:** Spirit of Tasmania Quay, Geelong



**Requirements:** This trip has been rated medium/hard due to the time of year we are going. We are expecting rain, perhaps even snow, which means the tracks can be unpredictable. Experience driving in a range of conditions is essential. Participants must have a working winch, snorkel, aggressive AT's (as a bare minimum), standard recovery gear and rated recovery points. A rear locker would be desirable.

**Note:** We will be camping in swags or tents. Off-road campers may be a possibility. Make sure you have plenty of warm clothes, as well as a good sleeping bag!

The aim of this trip is to check out some of Tasmania's 4WD tracks, as well as do some touring around the state. We will head North West first, then drive down the West Coast to Queenstown. From Queenstown we will drop down into the Hobart area before heading back up the East Coast. We are planning on doing a variety of tracks from beach driving to inland, so be prepared to encounter sand, mud, rocks, quicksand, water etc. As well as 4WDing, there will be plenty of time to check out some of Tasmania's tourist attractions.

We have had many people express interest in this trip and we are now looking for definite numbers. Bookings for the boat will be made before Christmas. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040.

Please note, if you are not experienced in beach driving, you will be asked to attend the Beachport trip being run over the Easter school holidays.

NB: Dates may vary slightly depending on availability on the boat.

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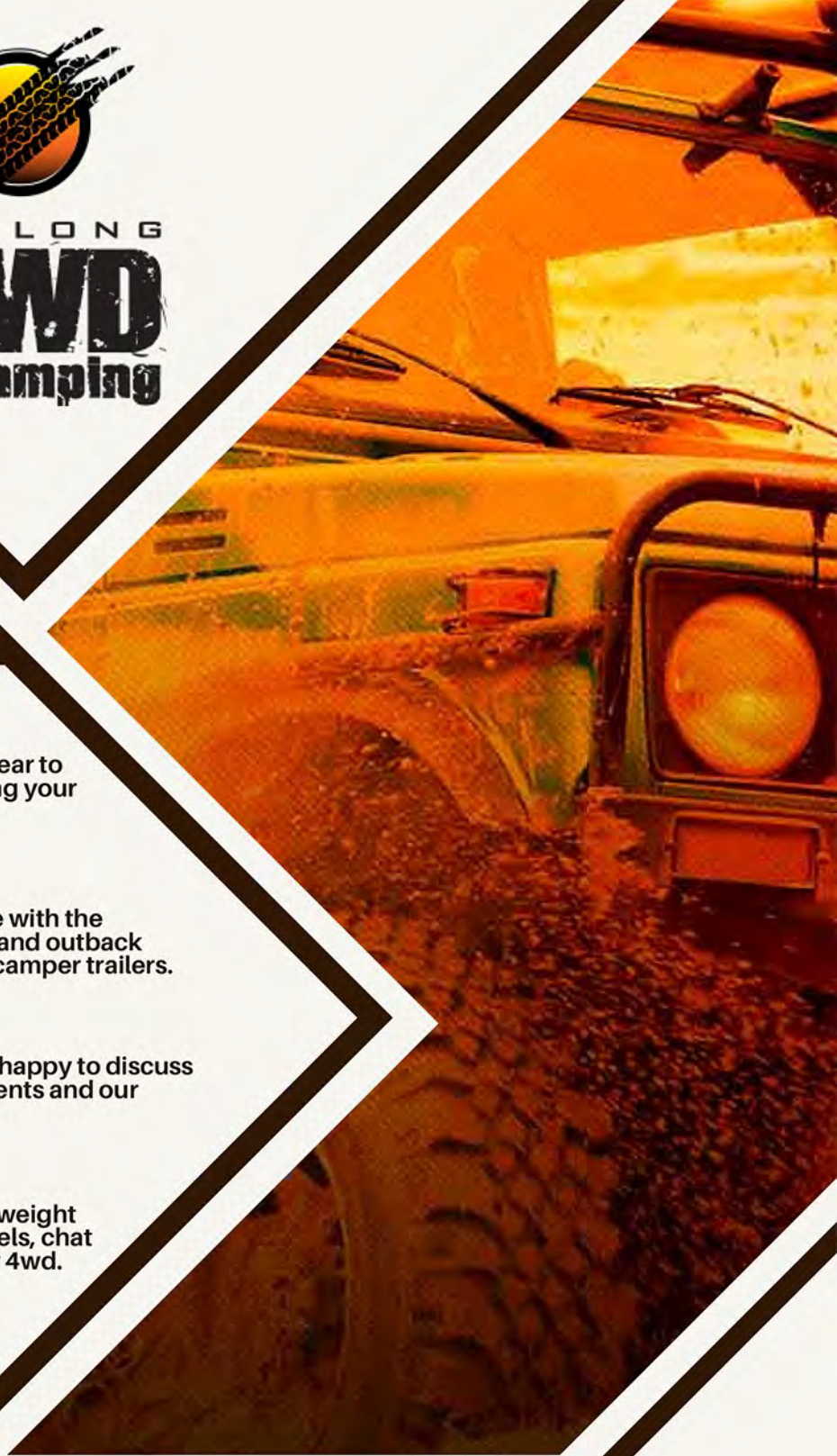
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# SIMPSON DESERT TRIP

14TH - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022  
WORDS & PHOTOS: VARIOUS

**DAY 1** – We left Broken Hill at 8:30am today - and half an hour later the swags and chairs fell off the Gunn's roof racks! What a fabulous start.

We travelled pretty well otherwise today - stopping for morning tea in Packsaddle around 10:30, then another stop at Milparinka at 12:30 just to have a quick break and a look around.

We continued on until around 2pm when we stopped at Tibooburra for lunch, and finally into Cameron Corner around 5pm.

**DAY 2** – We started today with a quick stop at Cameron Corner for photos next to the boundary of the 3 states.

After a leisurely start, we were on the road by 9am heading first through the

gas fields in South Australia. Unfortunately James hit an emu on the Strzelecki Track.

We all pulled into Innamincka at 1:30 in the afternoon - leaving plenty of time to relax before we all headed out to the pub for dinner that night.

**Jaiden Gunn**







**DAY 3** – We had a late start today as we had to wait for fuel. Departed Innamincka for Birdsville via the Walkers Crossing and Birdsville tracks. We had lunch at Cordillo Downs Woolshed what was once the biggest woolshed in Australia. We arrived in Birdsville in time to set up camp and head to the famous Birdsville Pub for a delicious roast dinner. The weather was warm, and we all sat outside and enjoyed what Birdsville had to offer.

**DAY 4** – Everyone explored Birdsville before we began our adventure in the desert. We headed to Big Red sand dunes where the adults and kids had loads of fun. The desert tracks were rough with many dunes to challenge us. We arrived at camp in time to play on some more dunes before setting up camp. As the sun went down displaying spectacular colours, we kicked back by the campfire anticipating the next day's adventures

#### ***Shaz Van Ingen***

**DAY 5** – Today started a little earlier than anticipated with a wake up call to me at 4.00 am from James to say it was starting to rain and I had a bag outside.

A couple of grunts and I got myself out of the swag, at the same time regretting the last 2 reds the night before. The said bag was placed into the car and I jumped back into bed for another few hours sleep - with the sound of rain on the swag.





We woke to find the rain had cleared so everyone went about packing. When we started travelling we went over a dune to be confronted with a very wild sky, and drove into some heavy rain. We soon had a group of motorcycles come towards us with 2 support vehicles. The drivers of these vehicles kept us entertained for a while with their banter on the UHF. One had the call sign of Black Cloud. I suggested later that maybe we could have funny call signs but Two Dogs wasn't having any of that!

Our first point of call that morning was Poeppel Corner, to get there we needed to cross a clay pan. We all stopped and after much discussion decided that after the rain and the look of the clay an approximate 18 km detour around the pan was in order. Even then a couple of us had some hairy moments on the edge off the clay only just getting through a couple of times.

We finally got to Poeppel Corner only for the heavens to open again - umbrellas were in order and we also congregated under a shelter for a while until there was a break in the rain. When we started moving again Matthew discovered he had a dash full of warning lights on his 200 Series, which is not good! He was worried that the car was stuck in low range but, alas for the rest of us, he wasn't - so he could still drive off into the distance at great speed.

After all this in the morning the day





warmed up to about 35 degrees which was alright unless you had only just had major work done on your fourby, and your mechanic had forgotten to regas your air conditioner ... hey Geoff D!

We got to camp that afternoon it was hot and windy - a very uncomfortable evening, so we all ate and got in our swags and tents early that night so as to get out of the blowing sand. A little before this, when we were setting up, someone came across a snake who wasn't going to be scared and proceeded to advance toward them before disappearing into a hole.

**DAY 6** – Today, after all of the action of the day before, was relatively uneventful. The day was a lot cooler and we got into the rhythm of the Hay River Track. Our rate of travel was fairly slow due to the terrain and the tight and twisting track.

We were a little late setting up camp because we had trouble finding a suitable camping spot for our needs, so happy hour was a little delayed - but still enjoyable.

#### **Mark Mensch**

**DAY 7** – Today we packed up early and left camp at quarter past 8. We had a long drive a head of us to Alice springs.

We continued driving along the Hay River Track toward Jervois Station where we will top up on fuel and drive about 400km to Alice springs.

The scenery today was quite green, trees and shrubs were everywhere and the dirt was very orange.

We stopped at about 10 o'clock for morning tea to look at the Hay River. It was very long, wide and dry. After a little while we got back on the road and headed toward our lunch stop.

We had to make an unplanned stop to look at a thud coming from the Smith's car, which landed us a 2 hour stop for lunch and to fix the car. It ended up being a shock and a loose wheel bearing.

With everyone from the group doing what they could to help out, some on the tools, others making food or just holding an umbrella to keep the workers in the shade it was great to see how everyone banded together to help however they could.

After the car was fixed we hit the road again. We headed to Batton Hill where







we turned left onto about 80km of corrugation to Jervois Station to stock up on fuel and get some cold drinks and ice cream.

After a refuel and a few snacks, we headed to Alice Springs with a mix of corrugations and black top. We were spoilt with one of the best sunsets of the trip as we spent hours driving straight at it with a mix of colours and burn offs with smoke and haze. We got to Alice Springs a bit later than anticipated – so it was a Maccas run for dinner.

**DAY 8** – Today at Alice Springs everyone did their own thing. Some even woke up at 4ish to go on a hot air balloon ride. During the day some went on a camel ride. The kids hung out in the TV room, since the pool was closed. The Smiths acquired a new shock from TJM who were very helpful.

We went to the pub for dinner together – and there was a jumping pillow for the kids! Dinner was pretty good.

#### **Hollie Smith**

**DAY 9** – So today is AFL Grand Final Day (YES GEELONG WON)! We left Alice Springs and headed towards the West MacDonnell Ranges looking at the beautiful countryside of Simpson Gap, Stanley Chasm, Owen Springs & Lawrence Gorge. It was here that Kelvin needed to be recovered as the sand was a little soft. We also had to recover Rebecca. We then headed toward Ellery Creek Big Hole. It was here the a few of the pack decided to take a dip (or wash) in the Water Hole. From here we headed for tonight's camp along the Finke River. What another Beautiful spot to set up camp for the night.

**DAY 10** – Up bright and early for another day of sightseeing today, heading toward Watarrka (Kings Canyon) but firstly to Redbank George, Tyler's Pass Lookout, Hermannsburg then heading to Kings Canyon for camp. Tonight, we went and had a little boogie and drink at the only place to in town. Once back at camp everybody was going to bed, we had a dingo visit about 2 metres away from me. (I called hubby) to shoo it away and then I told everyone to pack up everything as it ran off with a sneaker from another camp.

#### **Rogers Family**

**DAY 11** – The plan for the day was to head to Kings Canyon early to complete





the rim walk. This is the best time to walk as it avoids the heat of the day. However we were woken to the sound of thunder and rain at dawn which was a little unexpected. Fortunately the rain stopped, so undeterred it was off to the canyon, albeit with wet canvas still at camp.

The rim walk at the canyon is about 6 km long and the start is the most difficult section with around 500 steep steps. Fortunately no one needed the defibrillator or evacuation helipad at the top of the climb! The reward is one of spectacular views of the canyon and surrounding landscape which continue throughout the entire walk. There are amazing sheer rock walls and a deviation to the aptly named Garden of Eden waterhole.



After the walk it was back to the Kings Canyon Resort to pack up. Fortunately the rain had stayed away for the walk and the swags and tents were now dry; unfortunately there was another heavy shower almost immediately on our return to camp. This resulted in a mad scurry to shelter until the rain passed and a wet pack up, oh well!

The destination for the day was Uluru / Ayers Rock. Along the way the wildlife included a dingo and our first not so well looking wild camel. We also stopped to observe Mt Connor which is often mistaken for Ayers Rock on the road in. After setting up at the campground and drying canvass, some set off to watch the sunset over the rock, while others took a more relaxed approach at camp.

**DAY 12** – Today was a free day to explore the region. Some were up early to watch the sun rise over the rock and the Fitzpatrick's were up at an even more ungodly hour to attend the spectacular Field of Lights Sunrise. The activities through the day included walking, cycling or riding a Segway around Ayers Rock or the Olgas.

Late in the morning there were isolated electrical storms associated with rain which was heavy at times. These continued throughout the afternoon and unfortunately forced the cancellation of Geoff and Sharon's helicopter ride over the rock and the Olga's. However we were fortunate to see a wet Ayers Rock which changes to a silver colour in the rain. The Fitzy's snapped a great shot of this.

**Geoff Davey**





**DAY 13** – We headed off from Uluru at around 9.30am after waiting for the Fitzpatrick family to get a wheel balance. The trip out was pretty uneventful except for a few animal sightings.

We stopped at Erldunda Roadhouse for lunch. It was here that Rob first realised there was a problem with his battery overheating, but we could do little about it at that stage.

After lunch we began our journey to Chambers Pillar. After turning off the highway, we travelled about 250km on dirt tracks only to find that the Finke River crossing was closed, effectively stopping us from reaching our destination, which was around 25km away.

We began to backtrack. Matthew and I tried one other track in, but the road we needed was no longer in existence. As a group we had to make a decision; loop all the way around and enter Chambers Pillar from the top, or head back to the highway and find somewhere else to camp. Due to the late hour, we voted to head back to the highway and down to Kulgera Roadhouse.

Upon arriving at Kulgera, everyone noticed a terrible smell was coming from Rob's car. When the bonnet was popped, we could see his battery bubbling! Rob tried to cool the battery down with water, without much success. With little else besides waiting we could do, we all headed off to the pub.

Sometimes unplanned stops are real gems and Kulgera was no exception. With Isabel celebrating her 13<sup>th</sup>





birthday, the staff went out of their way to make it special, fancying up the cake and playing Happy Birthday on the jukebox. Our official final night of the trip was spent enjoying good food, drink and company, singing and dancing to music on the jukebox, playing pool and mixing with the locals in a quirky country pub in Kulgera.

**DAY 14** – In the morning we said goodbye to Mark, Geoff and Jason and the rest of us headed off the Coober Pedy. As soon as we arrived Rob went off to get his battery replaced. The smell was foul and even the mechanic wouldn't touch it for fear of it exploding! Rob replaced it himself.

The group split for the afternoon and we all spent the afternoon doing our own thing which included visiting a kangaroo refuge, swimming, visiting underground churches, checking out the town or snoozing in our underground accommodation.

We all met up again for dinner at the Big Winch 360 and enjoyed a fantastic final meal together.

This trip was a long time coming, with initial planning beginning back before Covid and it didn't disappoint! Everyone got along well and we all had a great time. Matthew and I would like to thank everyone who came along and helped make this trip such a success.

Until next time,

***Juanita Mountjoy***





# BACCHUS MARSH TO BALLAN DAY TRIP

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2022

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For my first time leading a trip with the club we chose to run an easy / medium trip from Bacchus Marsh to Ballan.

We met at Bacchus Marsh at 9:30 and after a quick catch up and briefing of the day ahead, we headed off north, and

after a few dead ends and quick turnarounds, were onto our first track of the day, Bluegum Track.

The first real challenge of the day was the heavily rutted Distal Track. Some people took up the challenge, with some

getting stuck and some easily driving the track – while the others in the group continued on the main road and met the convoy at the top of the hill.

We attempted to visit Trentham Falls – perhaps a nice spot for lunch.





Unfortunately the road was still closed so – we turned around!

After a few u-turns looking for a spot for lunch, we ended up at the Trentham Football Grounds. We all enjoyed a lovely BBQ lunch, and a protected spot for a relaxing chat. Thanks to Andrew for helping with the cooking, we would also like to thank John Goodall and Dale Robertson for the tasty sausages.

After lunch we all loaded up and headed toward Mt Hope. Along the way we explored a couple of different tracks.

Geoff and Tim explored a track and had to winch themselves out of the last part of the track, and Adam has a new battle scar on his bull bar after hitting a tree – not a bad effort for an easy trip!

After some more exploring (and some more u-turns) we all headed to Blakeville to pump up our tyres, have afternoon tea and say our goodbyes.

Thanks to everyone who attended – it was a great trip out with a great bunch of people.

Adam Mountjoy

Adam







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